2006 Extemporaneous Public Speaking National FFA Career Development Event



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| 1997 | A central voice for creating American agriculture policy                                       |       |
| 1997 | Agricultural literacy – a crisis in urban America  |       |
| 1997 | Assuring the safety of the American food supply  |       |
| 1997 | Cloning: An Answer or an assault   |       |
| 1997 | Consumer confidence in American food   |       |
| 1997 | Creating more nutritional food   |       |
| 1997 | Creating new demand for agricultural commodities   |       |
| 1997 | Creating niche markets for locally produced food   |       |
| 1997 | Creating profit for all agricultural producers   |       |
| 1997 | Environmental activists – partners or pitfalls?  |       |
| 1997 | Food – an answer for preventative health care  |       |
| 1997 | High yield sustainable agriculture   |       |
| 1997 | Horticultural pesticides in urban water systems  |       |
| 1997 | International confidence in American agricultural products                                     |       |
| 1997 | International food safety standards  |       |
| 1997 | Large confinement animal production facilities – economic opportunity or environmental concern |       |
| 1997 | Maximizing production – at what cost?  |       |
| 1997 | NAFTA – What it's done so far  |       |
| 1997 | Preserving American farmland   |       |
| 1997 | Preserving the environment through modern agricultural production                              |       |
| 1997 | Rural vs. Urban – a debate for future development priorities                                   |       |
| 1997 | Solving the problem of bacteria contamination in food  |       |
| 1997 | Sustainable agriculture – a viable option?   |       |
| 1997 | Sustainable agriculture's role in food/fiber production  |       |
| 1997 | The future of non-food uses for American agricultural commodities                              |       |
| 1997 | The future of the small farmer in the total American agricultural industry                     |       |
| 1997 | The impact of economies of scale on profitable food production                                 |       |
| 1997 | The impact of international trade tariffs on American agriculture                              |       |
| 1997 | The implications of the European Union on American agriculture                                 |       |
| 1997 | The international ethics of agricultural biotechnology   |       |
| 1997 | The long term impact of federal policies and programs on American agriculture                  |       |
| 1997 | The promise of genetically engineered food   |       |
| 1997 | The promise of precision farming   |       |
| 1997 | The role of animal agriculture in human health care  |       |
| 1997 | Urbanization of American farmland  |       |

1997 Who has the right to water?

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| 1998 | American agriculture's contribution to better human health care   | Finals      |
| 1998 | Balancing livestock production with environmental concerns  | Finals      |
| 1998 | Fast track trade negotiating authority and its impact on American agriculture                                 | Finals      |
| 1998 | How risk management impacts American farmers  | Finals      |
| 1998 | Maintaining a voice for American Agriculture in urban dominated Congress                                      | Finals      |
| 1998 | Maintaining the balance of population growth and food production in the future                                | Finals      |
| 1998 | Maintaining the ecological balance while feeding the world  | Finals      |
| 1998 | The current world economic crisis and its impact on American agriculture                                      | Finals      |
| 1998 | The impact of consolidation of the United States meat industry  | Finals      |
| 1998 | The impact of the Japanese Yen on United States corn prices   | Finals      |
| 1998 | The issues surrounding high density livestock production operations   | Finals      |
| 1998 | The role of the International Money Fund in developing foreign agricultural markets                           | Finals      |
| 1998 | Ethical issues facing American agriculture  | Preliminary |
| 1998 | Maintaining a safe and abundant food supply   | Preliminary |
| 1998 | Maintaining fair market value for producers of agricultural commodities                                       | Preliminary |
| 1998 | Meeting the agriculture industry's employment needs for the 21 <sup>st</sup> century                          | Preliminary |
| 1998 | The environmental impact of urban lawn and garden care  | Preliminary |
| 1998 | The impact of agricultural literacy on the future of the agriculture industry                                 | Preliminary |
| 1998 | The outlook for the small-sized family farmer   | Preliminary |
| 1998 | The role of agricultural literacy on the future of the agriculture industry                                   | Preliminary |
| 1998 | The role of American agriculture in our global economy  | Preliminary |
| 1998 | The role of the United States in helping third world countries develop their agriculture industry             | Preliminary |
| 1998 | The urbanization of American farm land  | Preliminary |
| 1998 | What is the future for rural America  | Preliminary |
| 1998 | Changing the eating habits of over-weight Americans through agricultural research                             | Semi-Finals |
| 1998 | Creating non-food uses for agricultural products  | Semi-Finals |
| 1998 | Is sustainable agriculture a realistic alternative to current agricultural practices?                         | Semi-Finals |
| 1998 | Resolving the E. Coli problem in agricultural produce   | Semi-Finals |
| 1998 | The future of the ethanol industry  | Semi-Finals |
| 1998 | The future of the United States meat industry   | Semi-Finals |
| 1998 | The impact of agricultural non-point pollution on the environment   | Semi-Finals |
| 1998 | The impact of marketing strategies in locking in profit for the American farmer                               | Semi-Finals |
| 1998 | The issue of consumer confidence in our nations food supply   | Semi-Finals |
| 1998 | The issue of foreign bans on agricultural commodities produced by using growth hormones or genetic alteration | Semi-Finals |

| 1998 | The issue of opening foreign markets for American agricultural products                   | Semi-Finals |
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| 1998 | The role of precision farming techniques for agriculture's future                         | Semi-Finals |
| 1999 | The issue of adult agricultural literacy.   | Preliminary |
| 1999 | Protecting our nation's ground water supply.  | Preliminary |
| 1999 | Restoring profitability to the American Farmer.   | Preliminary |
| 1999 | The future of the family farm.  | Preliminary |
| 1999 | Maintaining the safety of our food supply.  | Preliminary |
| 1999 | Getting agriculture's voice heard in our Federal Government.                              | Preliminary |
| 1999 | The effects of biotechnology on the future of the agricultural industry.                  | Preliminary |
| 1999 | Alternative uses of agricultural commodities.   | Preliminary |
| 1999 | Maintaining fair trade policies for agricultural commodities.                             | Preliminary |
| 1999 | The effects of business consolidation on American agriculture.                            | Preliminary |
| 1999 | The impact of global economy on American agriculture.                                     | Preliminary |
| 1999 | Maintaining consumer confidence in American agricultural commodities.                     | Preliminary |
| 1999 | American agriculture's roles in helping third world countries develop their economy.      | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | Solution for the problem of E. Coli bacteria.   | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | The ethics of genetic engineering.  | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | Creating a common agenda for farmers and environmentalists.                               | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | Protecting American farmland from urban sprawl.   | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | Establishing the priorities in distributing and preserving America's water supply.        | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | The effects of biotechnology on the future of the agricultural industry.                  | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | Solving the issue of agricultural literacy.   | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | The future of sustainable agriculture movement.   | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | Moving toward high yield, conservation agriculture.                                       | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | Exploring non-food uses of agricultural commodities.                                      | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | The role of animal research in the improvement of human and animal health.                | Semi-Final  |
| 1999 | The effect of the European GMO ban on research and technology future.                     | Final       |
| 1999 | The future of the Freedom to Farm Act.  | Final       |
| 1999 | The effect of vertical integration on American agriculture industry.                      | Final       |
| 1999 | The effect of the consolidation of the meat packing industry on U.S. livestock producers. | Final       |
| 1999 | The future of agriculture cooperatives.   | Final       |
| 1999 | The future of the ethanol industry.   | Final       |
| 1999 | Who should regulate biotechnology research and application?                               | Final       |
| 1999 | The role of the Federal Government in providing a safety net for agricultural producers.  | Final       |
| 1999 | The effect of labeling food concerning GMO's and point of origin.                         | Final       |
| 1999 | Agriculture's response to PETA, Greenpeace and other activist organizations.              | Final       |

| 1999 | The impact of international consolidation of agribusiness on the American farmer.             | Final |
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| 1999 | The impact of limiting agricultural biotechnology research on the human health care industry. | Final |

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| 2000 | Keeping agriculture's voice heard in our Federal Government                                  | Preliminary |
| 2000 | The long-term effects of biotechnology on the agriculture industry                           | Preliminary |
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| 2000 | Maintaining fair international trade policies for agricultural commodities                   | Preliminary |
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| 2000 | Moving toward high yield conservation agriculture  | Semi-Final  |
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| 2001 | The effect of the international concerns with GMO's on research and technology of the future. | Final       |
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| 2001 | The effect of vertical integration on the American agriculture industry.                      | Final       |
| 2001 | The future of agriculture cooperatives.   | Final       |
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| 2001 | The impact of limiting agricultural biotechnology research on the human health care industry. | Final       |
| 2001 | Who should regulate biotechnology research and application?                                   | Final       |
| 2001 | Agriculture's response to PETA, Greenpeace and other activist organizations.                  | Final       |
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| 2002 | New ways to influence an urban Congress   | Preliminary |
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| 2002 | Urban encroachment – opportunity or threat  | Preliminary |
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| 2002 | The value of today's Extension Service on the farm  | Preliminary |
| 2002 | The future of Global Positioning or cropping systems  | Semi        |
| 2002 | Is Agricultural Biotechnology an answer to world hunger?                                      | Semi        |
| 2002 | Farming: Good or Bad for the environment  | Semi        |
| 2002 | Leveling the Playing Field through global trade talks   | Semi        |
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| 2002 | Designer crops – sowing seeds for specific end uses   | Final       |
| 2002 | The Gulf hypoxia challenge – fact or fiction  | Final       |
| 2002 | The pluses and minuses of trading with Cuba   | Final       |
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| 2002 | Bilateral vs. Multilateral trade agreements              | Final |
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| 2002 | The role of environmental incentives                     | Final |
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| 2002 | The growing role of conservation in farm policy          | Final |
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| 2003 | How important is internet technology to rural America              | Semi        |
| 2003 | Designer crops – sowing seeds for specific end uses.               | Finals      |
| 2003 | Should Atrazine be retained as a tool for farmers?                 | Finals      |
| 2003 | The renewable fuels platform – will it help presidential hopefuls? | Finals      |
| 2003 | Country-of-origin labeling – good or bad                           | Finals      |
| 2003 | The role of environmental incentives                               | Finals      |
| 2003 | The implications of using food as a weapon                         | Finals      |
| 2003 | The importance of managing risk in agriculture                     | Finals      |
| 2003 | The future of organic production                                   | Finals      |
| 2003 | Check off programs: why are they under fire?                       | Finals      |
| 2003 | How the consumer benefits from farm support programs               | Finals      |
| 2003 | The importance of right-to-farm laws.                              | Finals      |

| 2003 | The "hayseed" myth – exploit it or overcome it              | Finals          |
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| 2004 | The value of according forming with CDS                     | Dustinging on A |
| 2004 | The value of prescription farming with GPS.                 | Preliminary A   |
|      | Feeding a hungry world through biotechnology.               | Preliminary A   |
| 2004 | The need for cost-benefit analysis in land-use regulations. | Preliminary A   |
| 2004 | When should the United States allow Canadian cattle access? | Preliminary A   |
| 2004 | Marketplace activism and its impact on farming.             | Preliminary A   |
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| 2004 | Do farmers need government payments?                        | Preliminary A   |
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| 2004 | Why host a farm tour?                                       | Preliminary A   |
| 2004 | Why farmers must gauge public opinion?                      | Preliminary A   |
| 2004 | The use of conservation easements and development rights    | Preliminary A   |
| 2004 | Why worry about countrywide biotech bans?                   | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | Why rural American needs broadband access?                  | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | Why use livestock cloning as a production tool?             | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | Value-added processing and the rural economy.               | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | Are U.S. subsidies hurting farmers in developing nations?   | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | Checkoffs – Is it a free speech issue?                      | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | The supplier and marketer roles of today's co-op.           | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | Big vs little – How size affects farm profitability         | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | The farmer's shrinking share of the food dollar.            | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | Can agriculture harness the rural lifestyle crowd?          | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | How to fit in with urban neighbors.                         | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | Taking agriculture to the urban classroom                   | Preliminary B   |
| 2004 | Designer Crops – Sowing seed for specific end uses.         | Semifinals      |
| 2004 | The terminator gene – Should it be allowed?                 | Semifinals      |
| 2004 | Animal ID – Who should pay for it?                          | Semifinals      |
| 2004 | Can organics be promoted without bashing the main stream?   | Semifinals      |
| 2004 | How to protect the United States from Agroterrorism.        | Semifinals      |
| 2004 | WTO trade talks and liberalizing the global economy.        | Semifinals      |
| 2004 | Payments to farmers vs. rural development spending.         | Semifinals      |
| 2004 | The growing role of green payments in farm policy.          | Semifinals      |
| 2004 | How the U. S. Tax structure affects the farmers.            | Semifinals      |
| 2004 | The growing market for organics.                            | Semifinals      |

| 2004 | Bang for the buck – Public investment in farm programs.                    | Semifinals |
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| 2004 | Communicating with an urban congress.                                      | Semifinals |
| 2004 | Farmaceuticals: Opportunity or dream?                                      | Finals     |
| 2004 | The renewable fuels platform – Will it help presidential hopefuls?         | Finals     |
| 2004 | Wind Farms – Opportunity or scam?  | Finals     |
| 2004 | The role of environmental incentives.                                      | Finals     |
| 2004 | Foreign job outsourcing – the case for agriculture as a domestic industry. | Finals     |
| 2004 | Should the United States be a preferred commodity supplier for Iraq?       | Finals     |
| 2004 | The unseen cost of the death tax.  | Finals     |
| 2004 | Managing farm labor – The challenge of migrant workers.                    | Finals     |
| 2004 | Do farm programs promote cheap food policy?                                | Finals     |
| 2004 | Balancing farmland preservation with the right to sell land.               | Finals     |
| 2004 | The importance of right-to-farm laws.                                      | Finals     |
| 2004 | The opportunities of agritourism.  | Finals     |

| 2005 | Global Positioning System (GPS) technology and crop production   | Preliminary |
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| 2005 | How agri-tourism can pay multiple dividends.   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Why farmers/ranchers and their organizations must gauge public opinion.  | Preliminary |
| 2005 | What can be done to end the large number of misconceptions about agriculture that many urban people have?                          | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Managing risk in agriculture.  | Preliminary |
| 2005 | What is unique about the US food and fiber system?   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | The benefits of crop rotation.   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Organic versus conventional production   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | The role of niche markets in agriculture's future.   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | The impact the European Union's position on genetically modified crops has on US grain production                                  | Preliminary |
| 2005 | The US space program – How it benefits agriculture.  | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Does publicity about the advances in agricultural biotechnology help or harm US agriculture?                                       | Preliminary |
| 2005 | What makes the US farmer/rancher so efficient and possible threats to this efficiency.   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Has organic food become mainstream.  | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Biotechnology: What are the most attractive benefits for consumers?  | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Three principals of American agriculture and how they would benefit agriculture in other countries.                                | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Ethanol production – is it energy efficient?   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | The role of public agricultural research in today's agribusiness world.  | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Site-specific chemical application technology and how it is used in crop production.   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | What's to be gained by hosting a farm or ranch tour?   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | Strategies farmers/ranchers can use to fit in with their urban/suburban neighbors.   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | The impact of agriculture on the environment in urban areas.   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | The farmer's shrinking share of the food dollar.   | Preliminary |
| 2005 | The significance of corn hybridization.  | Preliminary |
| 2005 | The place of livestock cloning technology in the livestock industry.   | Semi        |
| 2005 | The importance of right-to-farm laws in the suburban setting.  | Semi        |
| 2005 | Opportunities for citizen-supported farming: individuals buying shares in a farmer's yearly production before the crop is planted. | Semi        |
| 2005 | City gardens: How to feed the mind as well as the body.  | Semi        |
| 2005 | Farm/commodity organizations and their relevance to today's agriculturist.   | Semi        |
| 2005 | Contract production: Good or bad for family agriculture?   | Semi        |
| 2005 | Water demand for non-agricultural uses and its effect on agricultural production in the United States.                             | Semi        |
| 2005 | How do we protect the United States from agro-terrorism?   | Semi        |
| 2005 | The agri-chemical industry and its impact on agriculture over the last five years.   | Semi        |

| 2005 | Marketing US agricultural products to consumers in other countries.  | Semi   |
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| 2005 | The future of biofuels.  | Semi   |
| 2005 | Agri-pharmaceutical crop production in the US.   | Semi   |
| 2005 | The role of the inland waterway system in US agriculture.  | Finals |
| 2005 | Marketplace activism: What is its impact on the agriculture?   | Finals |
| 2005 | The World Trade Organization and the debate over agricultural free trade among nations of the world.   | Finals |
| 2005 | What is the situation with the African continent being self-sufficient in food production and what are some specific example-<br>country situations? | Finals |
| 2005 | The Green Revolution and its impact on agriculture around the world.   | Finals |
| 2005 | BSE: What do we know and what do we not know about this relatively new disease?  | Finals |
| 2005 | What should be agriculture's role in the debate about global warming?  | Finals |
| 2005 | The "hayseed" myth: Exploit it or overcome it.   | Finals |
| 2005 | Protecting farmland with the sale of conservation easements and development rights.  | Finals |
| 2005 | The Supreme Court's ruling in Kelo vs The City of New Haven, Connecticut and the possible impact on agriculture near urban centers.                  | Finals |
| 2005 | Will the next farm bill be the last?   | Finals |
| 2005 | The US tax structure and how it affects the US farmer/rancher.   | Finals |

| 2006 | Five new uses: what are the five most promising new uses in the research pipeline for agricultural commodities?  | Preliminary |
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| 2006 | What is the current situation with global positioning system (GPS) technology being used in crop production?   | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What are the repercussions related to the WTO cotton case ruling against the United States?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What is unique about the U.S. food and fiber system?   | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What can be done about the farmer's shrinking share of the food dollar?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What impact do farms have on the environment (water quality, air pollution, etc.) In urban areas?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | The U.S. space program: what are the benefits for agriculture?   | Preliminary |
| 2006 | Are U.S. agricultural subsidies putting farmers in Africa and other developing regions out of business?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | Why must agriculture trading rules be based on science?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What are some of the main benefits from crop rotation and provide some specific examples?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What is the possible impact on agriculture near urban centers from the Supreme Court's ruling of Kelo v the city of New Haven, Conn.?                                      | Preliminary |
| 2006 | City gardens: how to feed the mind as well as the body (can city gardens help educate urban citizens about the importance of agriculture?                                  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | How can infrared thermometry be used to determine if a crop is under drought stress, and how is it currently being used?   | Preliminary |
| 2006 | Does publicity about advances in agricultural biotechnology help or harm U.S. agriculture?   | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What is the most significant advancement in agriscience over the past decade and why?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What is the situation with the African continent being self-sufficient in food production, and what are some specific example-<br>country situations?                      | Preliminary |
| 2006 | Foreign job outsourcingthe case for agriculture as a domestic industry.  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What would be the situation if the United States discontinued all commodity food aid around the world?   | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What role does the inland waterways system play in the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | Why should urban people care about u.s. farm program policy?   | Preliminary |
| 2006 | How can agritourism pay multiple dividends?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | What role should the obesity issue play in farm policy?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | Do farmers need government payments? What makes them different from the hardware store owner who is not subsidized?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | How do farm/commodity organizations remain relevant to farmers today?  | Preliminary |
| 2006 | The green revolution: what is it, and what impact did it have on the people of India?*   | Semi        |
| 2006 | What can be done to balancing farmland preservation with a farmer's right to sell his or her land?   | Semi        |
| 2006 | What are the opportunities for citizen-supported farming, where individuals buy shares in a farmer's yearly production before the crops are planted?                       | Semi        |
| 2006 | What is the situation with production and demand of alternative meats such as rabbit, buffalo, ostrich, alligator, etc. Compared to more traditional livestock production? | Semi        |
| 2006 | Can organics be promoted without bashing conventional production?  | Semi        |
| 2006 | Can more be done to build relationships with Ag youth worldwide, recognizing their future relationships will be trading partners and competitors?                          | Semi        |
|      | Is livestock cloning a technology that is being advanced, and does it have a place in tomorrow's livestock business?   | Semi        |

| 2006 | What would be the best way to end the large number of misconceptions about agriculture that many urban people believe such   | Semi   |
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|      | as brown eggs are healthier for you than white eggs and pure sugar only comes from sugar cane, etc.?   |        |
| 2006 | Corn hybridization: a history (how has corn hybridization affected farmers' yields and profits? What were the main milestones  | Semi   |
|      | in corn hybridization, and why were they so significant?   |        |
| 2006 | How is water demand for non-ag uses limiting agricultural production in the United States?   | Semi   |
| 2006 | What is the outlook for the European union or countries in the EU approving the import of new strains of biotechnology crops, and how will this impact u.s. grain production?  | Semi   |
| 2006 | How widespread is agri-pharmaceutical crop production in the United States and what is the outlook for growing crops for pharmaceutical compounds?   | Semi   |
| 2006 | The agriculture department's BSE surveillance program: is the scaled back level of testing sufficient?   | Finals |
| 2006 | Persons with what college degree or area of study will be the most sought after to advance agriculture technology in the next ten years and why?   | Finals |
| 2006 | Considering the challenges of farming and ranching today, why should young people consider a career in production agriculture?   | Finals |
| 2006 | If you could select three principles of American agriculture to share with young people in other countries, what would you select and why?   | Finals |
| 2006 | A strain of genetically enhanced rice is believed to help prevent "river blindness" but the African nation where this disease<br>strikes hardest refuses entry of the u.s. produced rice, citing cultural taboos against mysterious food and general suspicion of<br>motives behind u.s. aid. As a leader, what steps would you attempt to persuade the government to accept this humanitarian gift? | Finals |
| 2006 | Land availability: with growing population and demand for housing, will there be any room left for the farm in 20 years?   | Finals |
| 2006 | Should farmers take greater interest in adapting historic farm buildings for modern uses?  | Finals |
| 2006 | Should incentives be provided to veterinary students to encourage them to become large animal specialists?   | Finals |
| 2006 | Should farmers and ranchers pay more attention to consumers who enjoy gourmet food products?   | Finals |
| 2006 | What are the primary advantages of no-till or reduced-tillage cropping systems?  | Finals |
| 2006 | How can farmers balance their role in protecting the food supply from terrorist strikes against regulations that have been (or are likely to be) imposed on them to improve security?  | Finals |
| 2006 | Biodiesel-why use it, and where can you buy it?  | Finals |

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